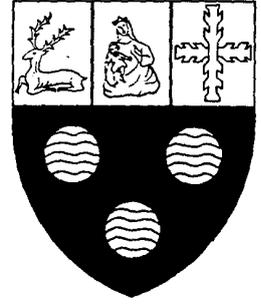




Southwell  
Minster  
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



ADMISSION *and* LICENSING  
*of*  
LICENSED LAY MINISTERS  
(READERS)

Saturday 8 October 2022  
10.30am

## Welcome to Southwell Minster



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We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

The Preacher is the Bishop of Sherwood, The Rt Revd Dr Andrew Emerton.

The organ is played by George Balfour, *Organ Scholar*.

A retiring collection will be taken, net proceeds of which will support the mission and ministry of Licensed Lay Ministry within the Diocese. Envelopes and cash may be deposited in the donation box, or preferably use the contactless donation station. Please give generously.

## Today's Candidates

*Please pray for those to be admitted and licensed at today's services:*

**Janette ACE.** Janette worked as a primary school teacher and Deputy Head in Nottinghamshire for 40 years and is now retired. She sensed God urging her to become more involved in church life and service at St Andrew's church following retirement. She is married to Gareth and has a grown up son, Laurence, with whom she shares a passion for music and the arts. She is an avid reader and enjoys having more time to pursue interests. Following licensing as a Lay Minister, Janette is being licensed to the Revd Colin Bourne, Area Dean of Nottingham South.

**Matthew BEESTON.** Matthew was born and spent the first 40 years of his life in Cotgrave where he was an active member of All Saints Church Cotgrave. He was part of the congregation at the time of the church fire in 1996. He moved to Kimberley then Eastwood where he now lives. Matthew has two grown up sons, Stefan and Arron. After trying a variety of roles in retail, Matthew currently manages a Charity shop for the RSPCA in Chaddesden which he loves. He currently serves as Churchwarden at Holy Trinity Kimberley. Matthew loves gardening, reading and is an avid Doctor Who Fan, Tom Baker being his favourite! Matthew is being licensed to the Revd Barbara Holbrook in the Benefice of Kimberley and Nuthall.

**Wendy FORBES-BUCKINGHAM.** Wendy has lived in Bingham for most of her life. She has a daughter, Amelia who has recently become engaged to Stuart and a step-son Antony who is married to Jo and they have two children, Charlie and Imogen. Wendy is the manager of a wrap-around care setting at a local primary school and enjoys dog walking, reading and gardening in her spare time.

Wendy has served as Churchwarden for several years and following attendance on the RealLIFE Course felt called to further study and service which brought her into LLM Training. Following licensing she is very much looking forward to serving in her home church as well as in the wider community and is excited to discern further what God's plans for her are. She came away from an end of course retreat weekend with a new motto – "God is with me always"!

Wendy is being licensed to the Revd Jon Wright in the Benefice of Bingham.

**Andrew HALFPENNY.** Andrew is married to Helen, they have two teenage daughters, Phoebe and Ffion. Following several years of research into wind energy, he now works on experiments and mathematical analysis to avoid fatigue failures in aircraft, ground vehicles and power generators. As a scientist and engineer, he is fascinated by the wonders of God's creation. Although a life-long Christian, Andrew

did not attend church regularly until 2011. He would say: “Me and God are mates.” But that changed during a Eucharist service introducing Phoebe as a new ‘boat girl’. There he received his calling, which has led to an amazing journey with God, and a passion for pastoral care and evangelism through preaching and teaching the Good News of Jesus. Andrew is being licensed to the Revd Julie Cotterill in the Benefice of Sutton-in-Ashfield St Mary Magdalene.

**Glenn HICKSON.** I am a teacher and Special Educational Needs Coordinator at a large city primary school in Nottingham and live with my wife and daughter in Sherwood. Since my early childhood, I have always considered myself to be a Christian. However, my commitment to following Jesus as a disciple and placing God at the centre of my life came late on, in my 50s; I was baptised at my local church, St. Martin’s, in 2018. I believe that being a disciple is vocational and that we are all called to serve God’s church in some way. Following my baptism, I began to explore what that calling might look like for me and, with the support of my incumbent and other church members, took on various roles within my local church, including teaching, preaching, and leading worship. I also attended the RealLIFE discipleship course which led me to consider formal ministry within the church and I applied successfully for LLM training 2020-22. Through the excellent teaching and with the fellowship and support of the other students on the course, I now feel ready for the challenge of Licensed Lay Ministry wherever God calls me next. Glenn is being licensed to the Revd Bridget Baguley in the Benefice of Sherwood.

**Julie McINTYRE.** When I enrolled for the very first term of the Diocese’s new RealLIFE course, I thought that it was to discover how to be a better disciple, I didn’t attend the extra meeting right at the start, for those looking to do something beyond RealLIFE. However, just a few weeks before the end of the thirty weeks, during one of the sessions I was very aware that I was being called to a deeper commitment to service. After several weeks of private discernment and some initial discussions, I spoke to Revd Caroline Phillips, the very recently licensed incumbent at St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Mansfield, about Licensed Lay Ministry. Following further prayer, discussion and discernment, I began the application process for LLM training and began training in 2020. Not only has my faith deepened and knowledge grown throughout the two year course, I have a new circle of friends. Having developed new skills, honed others and taken a growing role as the training progressed, I am now very much looking forward to taking up and developing my ministry at St Peter and St Paul’s. Julie is being licensed to the Revd Caroline Phillips in the Benefice of Mansfield St Peter and St Paul and the Benefice of Mansfield St Mark.

**Lynda KELLY.** Lynda was born and bred in Nottingham, the youngest of three siblings. She has been married to John for 48 years, has two children, Joanna and Shaun, three grands, Chernice, Kai and Dillon and 2 great grands, Skyla and Kobie. Lynda retired 8 years ago after working 27 years for the Nottingham Public Library Service. Being a people person she thoroughly enjoyed serving the public and communities in small local libraries. She enjoys swimming, walking, reading and holidays. Having trained in the Methodist Church, she became an accredited Local Preacher on her 'retirement', as well as becoming a volunteer as Ward Visitor and Eucharistic Minister for the Chaplaincy Department at Nottingham City Hospital. Unfortunately, post Covid, these roles at the hospital no longer exist. For the last three and a half years John and Lynda have been an active part of the life of the church family at St. Jude's. Lynda is looking forward to taking on a new role as an LLM and the further opportunities of ministry that this will present. Lynda is being licensed to the Revd John Allister in the Benefice of Nottingham St Jude.

**Sidney MITCHELL.** Sid Mitchell is a semi-retired landscape gardener who is married to Rachel with whom he has three grown up children and one granddaughter. When not busy with the above, Sid heads out on the river to enjoy his lifelong love of rowing. He has enjoyed learning about who and what has gone before in the formation of today's Church of England and gaining a better understanding of 'why we do what we do'. He feels he has come 'home' and is being licensed on the nomination of the Revd Canon Stephen Hippisley-Cox, Area Dean of West Bingham Deanery, to the Benefice of Wiverton in the Vale.

**Trine PEARSE.** Trine Pearse is originally from Norway and moved to England to train as an actress. It was at drama school her faith came alive, and also where she met her husband Chris, who is now a vicar. Trine is passionate about evangelism and seeing God move. She never thought she'd become an LLM, but God had other plans and she has found her training to be equipping, empowering and highly enjoyable! Trine is being licensed to the Revd Christopher Pearse in the Benefice of Farnsfield, the Benefice of Kirklington with Hockerton and the Benefice of Maplebeck.

**George PENDENQUE.** Over the last two years I have been training to become a Licensed Lay Minister and now I'm going to be licensed — Wow! Incredible! I would never ever have thought it would be me!  
I left school with poor qualifications, and equally poor academic skills. Later on in life I found out that I'm severely dyslexic, and I've struggled in so many ways in life because of this. To have been accepted into the LLM training felt truly remarkable and what I have learnt while on this amazing course has given me a better understanding of Theology, teaching of how to better interpret the Bible, how to

preach more with a more central focus amongst many things. And this course has definitely developed my learning skills. But more than this, this has better formed me for ministry — I feel more equipped now to take what I have learnt into my prison ministry. I couldn't have made it without my wife's constant support, and the course lecturers outstanding support for me, and my Christian brothers and sisters who were on the course. But mostly I want to give God all the glory and praise because without him helping me and encouraging me and whispering in my ears, 'I'm with you nothing is impossible with me, just trust me.' I could not have done this. Now I feel I have an assignment as a Lay Minister, because God is love, which is to build up and to encourage others by saying, 'If God can do this for me, then he can do something in and through you. There is nothing impossible with God.'

George is being licensed to the Revd Bridget Baguley in the Benefice of Sherwood to support Prison Chaplaincy.

**Joanna SMITH.** Jo's passion is for people, whether caring for grandchildren or her civil service work 'investigating' complex family situations. Jo's 'spirit of curiosity' spilled into her discipleship journey, leading to the RealLIFE course and then a sabbatical in Uganda and Sierra Leone. God stirred Jo's belonging in Africa, where she witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit working in the communities. On Jo's return, within the confusion of re-settling, God's call to LLM was a surprising offer and Jo was prompted by the challenge of underpinning her love of Jesus with theological knowledge. In the company of new friends and spiritual guides, God has coaxed, encouraged and inspired, as he spoke through the learning in each session. God has awakened gifts and equipped Jo to continue to share in God's mission wherever Jo finds herself. Jo is being licensed to the Revd Paul Savage in the Benefice of Stapleford.

**Folasade SOWUNMI.** I started my personal walk with God in 1994 though I was born into a devoted Christian Baptist family in Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa. My ministry and work for God started from different groups, choir and the youth group; I became a youth leader, a Bible study teacher and the group coordinator etc., evangelising to plant churches and go on mission trips. Since then I grew by the grace of God from one leadership to the other as the Holy Spirit leads me. I moved to Nottingham 2010, started at St Stephen's with St Paul's Church Hyson Green, Nottingham in 2014. Love travelling, studying, learning new things and helping others.

Fola is being licensed to the Revd Clive Burrows in the Benefice of Hyson Green and Forest Fields.

**Susan TANNER.** Hello. I am Sue Tanner and I am just getting over the shock of finding myself starting the LLM training let alone actually finishing it and being licensed here today! I have been doing my best to walk closely with Jesus for many years through the ups and downs of marriage, church, work and family life and am so thankful for his faithful provision and constant love. His invitation to 'sign up' for this particular adventure was a big surprise and I never would have done it without the encouragement and support of my husband, Mark, who has continued to be a source of wisdom and inspiration in his role as my training incumbent! Throughout this course I have been challenged on every level, which has led to me realizing how much more there is to learn and how much more I still need to surrender, and I hope, by God's grace, to me being better equipped to serve him. Susan is being licensed to the Revd Mark Tanner in the Benefice of Radcliffe-on-Trent and Shelford.

## Candidates' Preparations before the Service

*These are the declarations made prior to the service by those to be admitted and licensed to exercise their office in the Diocese, in the presence of The Rt Revd Dr Andrew Emerton, Bishop of Sherwood, as the commissary of the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Williams.*

### DECLARATION OF ASSENT

*Registrar* The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, The Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

*Candidates* I, N, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

### DECLARATIONS OF OBEDIENCE

*Candidates* I, N, will give due obedience to the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

I, N, about to be admitted and licensed to exercise the office of Reader in the Benefice of N in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Before the service The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor, welcomes the congregation.*

*Please stand as the procession enters the Cathedral:*

A Verger  
The Acolytes  
The Crucifer

The Head Verger  
The Candidates  
The Training Incumbents  
The Warden of Readers  
The Principal of the School of Discipleship  
The Director of Discipleship and Ministry  
The Registrar  
The Canon Precentor  
The Bishop of Sherwood

# THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN :



Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness;  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness...*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness...*

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Tune: FAITHFULNESS HOAN 238  
William Marion Runyan (1870-1957)

## GREETING

*Bishop* The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise forever.**

*The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*

*Bishop* My brothers and sisters, God has gathered us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Within this ministry, Licensed Lay Ministers otherwise known as Readers are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to lead public worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the Eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. As authorised lay ministers, they are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole church to participate in God's mission to the world.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE *led by Sue Waterston, Warden of Readers*

As we meet in the presence of God,  
holy and almighty,  
we are mindful of our human frailty and failures  
and of God's love and power to forgive us.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:  
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:  
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:  
forgive our self-centeredness.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

*Bishop* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## COLLECT

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM *read by Janette Ace*

Psalm 105: 1-7

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

*SONG written and performed by Trine Pearse; this song formed part of Trine's coursework.*

How can it be,  
That God would place his feet down from eternity?  
To live and breathe and suffer, just like you and me,  
How can it be?

How can it be,  
That he is fully human yet divinity?  
So tangible and present, yet the Trinity?  
How can it be?

Jesus,  
It took more than a man,  
It took more than we had  
To conquer death and darkness,  
The Word revealed his love,  
For you and me.  
And his arms are wider than eternity.  
And when he stretched them out,  
His love would even care for you and me (little old me).

How can it be?  
That you would leave the throne room of the heavenly?  
Stoop down and kiss the dust off my sorry feet?  
Oh how can it be?

Born but uncreated, eternal, yet in time.  
Perfect in humanity and perfectly divine.  
We praise him as the Father, the Spirit and the Son  
One church throughout the ages, proclaim the three in one.

I believe in God the Father  
Almighty creator of heaven and earth.  
Born of a virgin, suffered and died.  
But you rose again, and you're seated on high! I believe it, I believe it!  
Father, Spirit, Son in one – I believe it, I believe it.

His love would even care for you and me.

*Words and melody by Trine Pearse*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 3: 23–end

*read by Revd James Halstead, Principal of the School of Discipleship*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11: 27–28

*read by The Revd Canon Dr Richard Kellett, Director of Discipleship and Ministry*

While Jesus was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON *given by the Bishop of Sherwood*

*Please stand*

SONGS *at the end of which the Warden of Readers and candidates come forward*

**Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour**

**I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

**Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high**

**I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

**I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

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**You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord**

**It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only**

**And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord (*Repeat*).**

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**Faithful One so unchanging  
Ageless One You're my Rock of peace  
Lord of all I depend on You  
I call out to You again and again  
I call out to You again and again**

**You are my Rock in times of trouble  
You lift me up when I fall down  
All through the storm  
Your love is the anchor  
My hope is in You alone**

**My hope is in You  
My hope is in You  
Our hope is in You alone**

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*Please sit*

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION

*The Warden presents the candidates to the Bishop, saying:*

Bishop, I present these persons to be admitted to the office of Reader.

*The Warden presents each candidate by name.*

*When all the candidates have been presented, the Bishop asks the following questions:*

Have they made the Declaration of Assent, and thereby affirmed and declared their belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies bear witness? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a Reader is licensed?

*Warden* They have.

*Bishop* Are they men and women of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

*Warden* They are.

*Bishop* Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

*Warden* They have.

## THE QUESTIONS

*The Bishop turns to the candidates and says:*

In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a Reader, you must now answer the questions we put to you.

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

*Candidates* I do so believe.

*Bishop* Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

*Candidates* By the grace of God I will.

*Bishop* Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

*Candidates* By the grace of God I will.

*Bishop* Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

*Candidates* By the grace of God I will.

*The candidates turn and face the congregation.*

*Bishop* Brothers and sisters, these men and women have been chosen for the office of Reader. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*All* **We will.**

*Bishop* Will you continue to pray for them?

*All* **We will.**

*The Bishop invites the clergy of the new Readers' benefices to stand and asks:*

*Bishop* Will you work closely with your new Readers and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

*Clergy* We will.

*Bishop* Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will minister?

*Clergy* We will.

## ADMISSION

*The candidates turn to stand before the Bishop, who admits them to the office of Reader by the delivery of a copy of the Scriptures in accordance with Canon E5.*

*The Bishop says to each:*

N, I admit you as Reader in the Church,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The candidates are vested in the blue scarf of their office.*

*When all have been admitted, the Bishop blesses them with these words:*

May the Lord give you wisdom, courage,  
strength and love to do his will;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you, and on your work done in his name,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

*The newly Licensed Lay Ministers turn to face the congregation.*

## WELCOME

*Bishop* We welcome you as ministers of God's word.  
**May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*Please stand*

## THE PEACE

*Bishop* We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Members of the congregation are invited to share a sign of peace.*

## SONG



**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This corner stone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**



**There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

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Words and music: Keith Getty (b. 1974)  
and Stuart Townend (b. 1963)*

*Please sit or kneel*

## THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Matthew Beeston, Joanna Smith, Fola Sowunmi and Sue Waterston (Warden of Readers).*

Let us pray.

*Warden* We give thanks for all who are called to ministry in the Church and we pray for the use of God's gifts to his Church.

Bless those through whom you speak that they may proclaim your word in power, yet open their ears to your ever present grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Matthew* We pray for the Church and its leaders, for this Cathedral Church, for our Diocese and for Bishops Paul and Andy. We pray also for the Church of England, all churches and Christian people in this our country; and for the Church in the world. We pray for the unity of all Christian people; for Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Readers and all Ministers. Grant that, aided by your gifts of grace, we may all work together in the service of your Son.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the created world: for our society, the environment, the nations of the world and all those in authority. Make our world worthy of you and help us to care for and preserve our world fit for your purposes.

Bless our country, our Sovereign King Charles and all nations of the world, their leaders and all in authority that they may be just and equitable in their government, and fulfil your purposes in humanity and tranquillity.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Joanna* We pray for all the churches and communities represented here today and for all their people whom we shall serve. Bless our families, friends, neighbours and all whom we meet each day.

Bind us to one another and strengthen us in your love, that all may work together in the service of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Fola* We pray for all who suffer: for the sick, the hungry and the homeless, all who suffer anguish, bereavement or loneliness and all victims of violence, prejudice or discrimination.

Bless all who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others, yet know healing in themselves and grant relief to all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Warden* Finally, we pray for ourselves, in the many different ways in which we are each called to serve, that we may go forward from today enlivened by the Lord's charge to us to go into the world and serve him.

And now as the people of God, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord as we say together:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Please stand*

HYMN during which the new Licensed Lay Ministers step forward and face the congregation.



To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*

*And give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God!  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...*

Words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY CP 609

William Howard Doane (1832-1916)

*Please remain standing*

## BLESSING

*Bishop*      May the eternal God, the giver of love and power,  
whose Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom,  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Bishop*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The Bishop leads the new Licensed Lay Ministers out through the west door of the Minster, followed by the clergy and ministers. Please remain seated until the procession has returned to the Cathedral, where there will be a brief opportunity to take some photographs.*

*A retiring collection is taken, net proceeds of which will support the mission and ministry of Licensed Lay Ministry within the Diocese. Envelopes and cash may be deposited in the donation box, or preferably use the contactless donation station. Please give generously.*

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The Director of Discipleship and Ministry  
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